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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology WELLAND CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Grads get university credits

Graduate nurses from the Mack Centre can go to Niagara University,in New York, with a year of credits towards a nursing degree if an agreement between the college and the university is approved.

Niagara is still awaiting "final written confirmation" from Niagara University in Niagara Falls, N.Y., John Parrett, registrar, said.

The agreement would "benefit the university and the graduates from the college," he said.

Lois Millar, chairman of nursing, said Niagara University is being "generous" in accepting graduates and giving them one year of credits. Mack graduates will only have to go to university for three years to get their degree.

Miss Millar said it is not easy to transfer because each college has its own way of teaching its curriculum.

The agreement automatically grants graduates from the nursing program credits at the university. Mr. Parrett said under the old system, Mack graduates had to individually negotiate a credit transfer to the university.

The college has "unknown numbers" of nursing graduates who are pursuing a degree program at Niagara University.

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Go go, Knights

He looks a little young, but he could be an aspiring Niagara Hockey Knight. He and a number of other hockey hopefuls took to the ice before a Niagara College game last week. For a look at various Niagara Knights in action: See Sports Kaleidoscope, Page 9 — a full page of pictures.

14 possible layoffs raise union ire

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Union members passed two motions expressing "dissatisfaction" with the Niagara College administration at a meeting to discuss 14 threatened layoffs.

Joan Hastings, president of the Ontario Public Service Union, local 242, said the members unanimously gave a vote of confidence to the union executive while passing two motions against the administration.

The first motion was to "express our extreme dissatisfaction with administration of Niagara College and that we insist on having responses to our earlier requests for information about the budget dispersion of Niagara College," Ms. Hastings said.

The union passed a similar motion that the "executive of OPSEU 242 approach the Board of Governors of Niagara College to express dissatisfaction with the administration of Niagara College and to urge the board to insist that the college administration respond within two weeks to our executive's request for information on the budgeting process at this college."

Ms. Hastings said that while no layoffs were definte, at least 14 people had received "initial announcements that they may be in a layoff position."

Union members were asked for their support and help in finding

JOAN HASTINGS

"creative" ways to help the people in potential layoff positions.

For example, some of the teachers affected could look into moving into other areas such as Continuing Education or the Futures program, she said.

There was also a proposal for "an early retirement policy — incentives — that had been presented to management a year ago" but was never followed up on.

Members also talked about the possibility of the college "trying to go after additional funds available through the government for starting new programs," she said.

So far, the notices of intent have been received only in adult training areas at the St. Catharines campus, Ms. Hastings said.

Feds to cut Niagara training funds 40%

By PAT BAREVICH
Staff Writer

By the end of 1987-88, Niagara College will receive only 60 per cent of the adult training dollars it received in 1985-86, Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services, said.

Commenting on an interview on the CBC National news Feb. 11, Dr. McCardell said that to reduce the federal deficit, funding to educational institutions has been cut back. Niagara College is in "financial distress because of this," Dr. McCardell said. Reduced federal funds coming into the college will have a particularly bad impact on the St. Catharines campus.

Colleges are victims because "we have no control over our revenue or expenditures," which are determined by the government.

In her CBC interview with Allan Garr, Dr. McCardell said that because the federal government is withdrawing funds from the public sector and moving towards "privatization" or involving the private sector in job training — colleges are forced to compete for the funding "crumbs that are left."

Speaking to the Niagara News: Dr. McCardell said, "In 1983 the federal government gave us $1.36 million to develop the best welding facility in Ontario." When the welding shop opened, 435 students were being trained. Now there are 16 students enrolled in the program and by the end of the spring there will be no federally funded students in the welding shop.

It will be a "tragedy to see the dust gathering on the welding machines in St. Catharines."

With the privatizing of education the government is encouraging, new training schools will be

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911 system gets green light, paramedics to train in Falls

By KELLY McCALLUM
Staff Writer

Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of ambulance and emergency health care, has been given the green light to begin a paramedic program in the Niagara Region. "It's about time," Mr. Adamson said. The program may begin as early as the end of March.

Approval of a 911 emergency telephone system was the only thing keeping Mr. Adamson from beginning a paramedic program. The 911 service could be implemented by July, 1988.

After several years of arguing over necessity and high costs, Niagara Regional Council approved the system Feb. 5.

As far as costs go, Mr. Adamson feels that, "On a per capita basis, $4 per person is nothing to scream about."

The purchase and installation of the system is not expected to exceed a price tag of $1.5 million and annual operating costs have been estimated at $774,000.

Regional council members voted 21 to 4 in favor of installing the system. Welland representative Al Lacabera said people he talked to in the community are willing to pay for the service because they feel it is essential. John Teal of Fort Erie and Trevor Morgan of St. Catharines opposed the system because of its costs.

MORE ON COMPUTER

The police department "will spend more money on a police computer" in the next two years than will be spent on 911, Mr. Adamson said.

The paramedic program will take three years to complete, Mr. Adamson, a member of the Niagara District Health Council, said. The program will be divided into four courses or phases and is open to all emergency medical care assistants (EMCAs) in the Niagara Region.

EMCAs are graduates of the Niagara College ambulance and emergency health care program and other certified ambulance personnel in the Niagara Region, Mr. Adamson said.

The first phase of the program — cardiac monitoring — has already been in use in the area and proved the need for the paramedic program. Phase two is the cardiac defibrillation course. Completion of this 24 to 32 hour training allows the EMCA to use electric shock chest paddles on victims of cardiac arrest.

The third stage of training is the advanced airway application in which tubes are inserted into the lungs assist patients with breathing. The fourth stage of training is "very complicated to explain," Mr. Adamson said.

AT NIAGARA FALLS

The program will be offered through the Greater Niagara General Hosptial in Niagara Falls. There are 110 positions available.

More information and statistics will be available after the system is put to use. Mr.Adamson plans to compare

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You're welcome

There it was in all its glory, nestled inside an inter-office mailing envelop. No fanfare. Nothing. This commendation for the Niagara News and its work in supporting the Cystic Fibrosis campaigns at the college arrived just that way. However, the News is happy that its work is recognized, even if the award donor is anonymous. The college and others may be assured of the newspaper's support of any worthwhile cause.

Centre needs $$$ to accomplish goal

By SUZANNE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Hundreds of injured and disabled people have walked through the doors of the Niagara Peninsula Rehabilitation Centre in St. Catharines since it began in 1970, and emerged with, if not a revitalized body, a renewed spirit, and outlook on life.

Now the centre is in need of some rehabilitation itself in order to meet the needs of a growing number of consumers.

The centre needs $3.6 million, of which $1.5 million must be raised within the community to realize the dream of an 80-percent expansion of the centre. The Ontario Ministry of Health will provide the remaining $2.1 million.

"With more space we will be able to treat more patients,"Evelyn Tipson, executive director of the centre said.

"For the past few years, we have never been without a waiting list."

The centre treats patients throughout Niagara, since this is the only facility of its kind in the region. There is a waiting list of 350 patients which sometimes means waiting times of 10 to 12 weeks.

"It wouldn't make any sense to allow for just existing needs," Miss Tipson said. "We have to allow for future needs too."

Renovations

Every available space within the centre has been used to cater to the increased demand. Makeshift renovations have been done, such as adding a portable, and converting a cupboard into an examination room for the amputee clinic. As many as five health records staff work in a small cramped office, converted from lobby space.

"We have had to adjust and cope,"Miss Tipson said.

As of Feb. 3 the centre had raised $585,000 towards the campaign. This was done through advertising, and using public relations. A document, outlining the centre's background and objectives, and explaining why the centre should be supported, called A Case for Support, was sent out to prospective donors.

In addition to getting $2.1 million from the provincial governemnt, the centre approached the Niagara Regional government requesting $369,000, $1 for every person in the region. It received $50,000, but will get a chance to represent its case for further funds if their objective of $1.5 million has not been met by the end of the campaign on March 31.

Various industries, clubs and organizations gave donations. TRW gave $10,000, $1 for every patient returned to work. GM also gave $10,000. The Rotary Club gave $30,000 the largest donation from an individual. The Lions Club has been selling chocolate bars.

Having trouble

"We are having trouble, no doubt," Miss Tipson said. She attributed part of the problem to having to compete with other organizations fundraising in the region.

If the campaign's goal has not been realized by March 31, the expansion project will be reviewed at a special meeting of the centre's board of directors, a group of volunteers who set policy, and who act on behalf of the community.

"It's not a question of what do we do if the money is not raised? But one of how long it will take *to raise it?" Miss Tipson said.*

The Niagara Rehabilitation Centre has a lot to offer the community.

Rehabilitation persons returned to the community are given a better quality of life, Miss Tipson said.

"Our problem is our visiblity is not great," Miss Tipson said. "We do spend the dollars (on publicity). People seem to know about us, but somehow that's not translating into dollars."

The public must realize "there is a difference between giving people life and helping them to live."

Surveys to help decide graduation activities

Student Administrative Council is sending out 1,000 surveys to see how many graduating students would be interested in a graduation dance.

The semi-formal dance would take place in April.

It would be the first time Niagara College has had a grad dance, Kathleen Harvey, SAC president said.

"The dance would be an alternative to a bar bash," she said.

Pub raises $ for rehab

The Student Administrative Council raised $557 for the Niagara Rehabilitation Centre in St. Catharines.

The money was raised at the Valentine's Pub Feb. 11 at the Aqua Duck; $1 was collected from each student.

The Niagara College version of the Newly-wed Game and the Dating Game helped to make the pub a lot of fun and a big success.

On their way

Second-year Law and Security students stand proud after being sworn in as auxiliary cadets by Judge Marc Girard at provincial court in Welland. The students must fulfill 100 hours as cadets for part of their work experience. Front row (from left) are Sue Biro, Melanie Rattray, Terry Farrow, Jennifer Westerterp and Marcia Vanderzanden; middle row (from left) are Bill McCormick, Andre Hebert, Brett Campbell, Adrian Myra, Bob Barnes and Ron Anderson, and back row (from left) are Paul Cosby, Alex Tacinelli, Dave Court and Mark Fergusson.

Niagara College gives university helping hand

Niagara College will be able to help a vocational university in China with teacher training, computer application, curriculum resources and academic administration, Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said last week after his return from China.

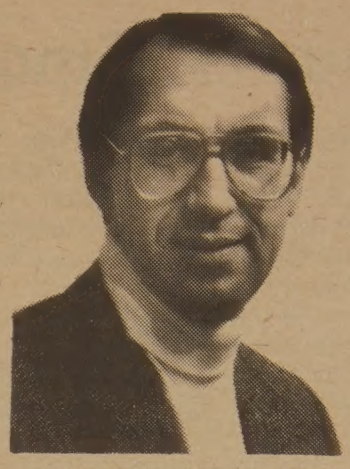
In addition, a report gathered by a five-man fact-finding mission of which Mr. van der Slagt was a member, will be sent to the Ontario Government suggesting that programs, including international marketing and finance, be established at the newly opened Jiangsu-Ontario centre in 1988.

The vocational university, Changsha University in the province of Hunan is twinning with Niagara College. Only three years old, it is still developing its curriculum, computerization and teacher training, he said.

However it has made a very good beginning by hiring teachers with experience.

"The staff at Changsha University are extremely pleased that they have been twinned with Niagara College," he said. "They look forward to learning from the accumulated experience of our teachers and administration.

In particular, they would like help in the areas of teacher training in a vocational environment, computer applications (all disciplines), curriculum resources and academic administration.



HANS VAN DER SLAGT

"Staff at Changsha University and Niagara College will all gain a great deal through this twinning arrangement."

Mr. van der Slagt said he was working on two separate projects while he was in China. The second involved another twinning between Ontario and Jiangsu Province in China which have agreed to promote the exchange of science and technology. The Jiangsu-Ontario Science and Technology Centre, opened in January, will be used for a number of purposes including product exhibitions and training.

The mission was investigating the feasibility of establishing a management training program at the centre.

China has many good, basic management training programs but requires assistance at the advanced level in such areas as international marketing, finance, general management and production.

The group's report will recommend that such programs be established at the centre next year and discussions have begun on how they are to be financed.

"My second visit to China has been fulfilling and full of new experiences," Mr. van der Slagt said. "The Chinese people were warm and friendly and went out of their way to make our visit as comfortable as possible. I look forward to returning again."

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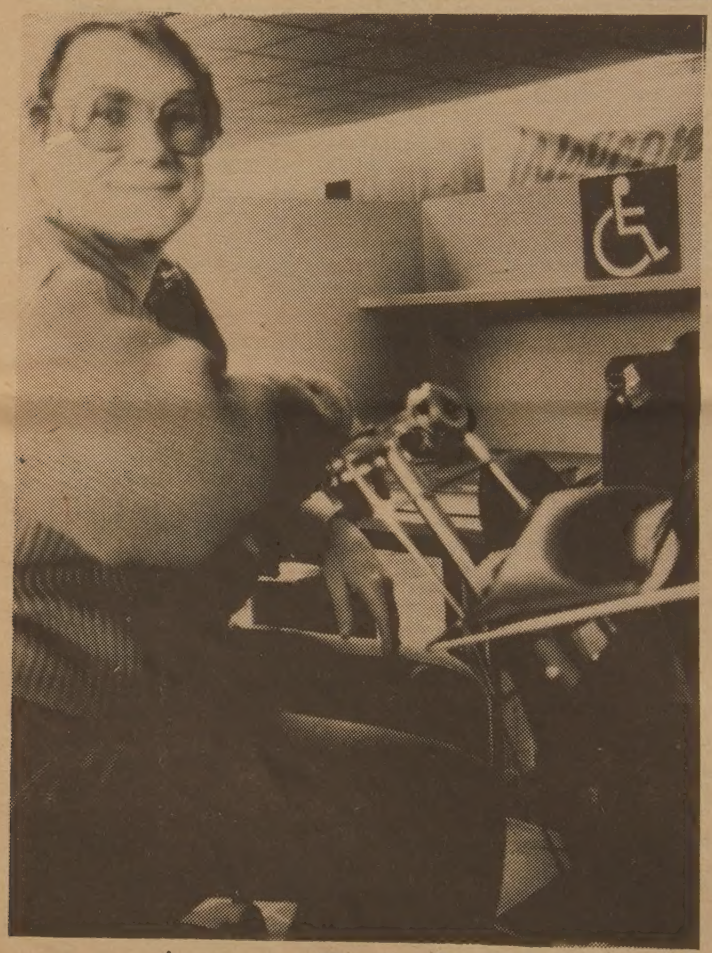

Annette Baily-Belaire

Annette Baily-Belaire, first-year business accounting student, tries out a new study carrel in the library foyer which gives handicapped students more independence. The library staff has put tables and the carrel into the library foyer to aid handicapped students when studying.

Photo by Martin Pokol

Where's the paper ?

The bin is full but the paper keeps disappearing. The Student Administrative Council office has a garbage bin which is used for paper that is to be recycled.

"On three separate occasions I've left notes saying the paper is to be used for recycling and it should not be thrown away, but still it keeps disappearing," Carri Emerick, vice-president of internal affairs, said.

The SAC office is the only place recycling has been implemented but it should be put somewhere else, probably in the computer room, by the end of the week, Carri said.

So who is the mysterious paper thief?

It turns out the cleaning staff is so efficient that they empty all of the bins.

Carri plans to rememdy this problem by staying in the SAC office one evening until 10 p.m. to catch the cleaning woman in the act and explain to her what the paper is for and that it is not to be thrown away.

22 new programs could renew jobs

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

The Niagara Industrial Advisory Committee plans to provide 22 new courses which could "go a long way to counterbalance other cuts in the college," Douglas Campbell, special projects officer for Niagara College and liaison person with NITAC, said.

This could balance out and restore many staff positions lost to layoffs, he said.

Mr. Campbell expects most of the courses to come to Niagara College after approval by the Canadian Employment Centre. Approval is the "tricky point," he said, but expects three quarters of the courses to pass if so, they should start to arrive by April 1.

Their arrival would bring $1.9 million to the college budget as operational fees. the money is about six per cent of the budget and 86 per cent of the budget goes to teaching.

Instead of teaching class A, the teacher would instruct another class just phased in by NITAC, Mr. Campbell said.

NEW SECURITY

The year-by-year contract with NITAC would be "a source of new business and security for existing college staff."

NITAC provides courses and programs for individuals after finding out specific needs in the community by working with more than 700 employers and 130 general members, Mr. Campbell said. Through surveys and talking to employers, it can develop a "precise knowledge" of what is needed in the work force three years from now or even five.

All of the present six NITAC courses are at the college, but after April, they will be open to all sectors of training including Brock University, Mr. Campbell said.

Mr. Campbell is confident NITAC will continue to bring its business to the college. "Niagara has the equipment, training, and expertise to cover anything I can see in sight right now."

POSSIBLE LAYOFFS

The announcement of the expansion comes after Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, has been discussing the possibilities of a staff layoffs.

NITAC is a voluntary committee with 12 executive members from industries with Hugh Simpson as its chairman. It started out as a machine training advisory committee in 1972 and now works with many kinds of industry in the Niagara Region. There are four subcommittees: automotive services, hospitality service, welding and machine trades. These are headed by executive members to give an expert opinion of jobs available and educational prerequisites.

The 130 general members are employers who submit information on the training needs across the Niagara peninsula. Without their co-operation, it would not work, Mr. Campbell said.

Sorbara opening new college services

Gregory Sorbara, Ontario Skills Development minister will officially open three new college services tomorrow.

Mr. Sorbara's first stop will be in St. Catharines at 11 a.m. at the Niagara Career Centre for Youth, 50 Niagara St. Attending the ceremony will be St. Catharines mayor Joe McCafferty, Niagara Region Chairman, Wilbur Dyck, Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts and other college officials. The centre originally opened Oct. 1.

After a luncheon Mr. Sorbara will travel to the Woodlawn campus to open the new French Languages lab at 2 p.m. With Mr. Sorbara at the lab will be Annette Lemelin, francophone representative on the board of governors, Miss Robarts and college officials. The lab first opened in November.

Mr. Sorbara's final stop will be at the Ontario Skills Development office in Hennepin Hall at 2:30 p.m. to officially open the office which has been open since Oct. 1. In attendance at the ceremony will be Welland Mayor Roland Hardy, Miss Robarts and college officials.

KATHLEEN HARVEY

Kathleen on Board

Kathleen Harvey, Student Administrative Council president, was chosen to represent students on the Board of Governors at the SAC meeting Feb. 9.

Kathleen will not be permitted to vote on the board or to attend in-camera meetings. She will be allowed however, to discuss any topics and be part of the deciding committees.

At press time, the names of other new members of the board were not known. Gregory Sorbara, Minister of Colleges and Universities announced that representation of students, faculty, support staff and administration would sit on boards of governors.

All are being given interim status on the board until guidelines for the new members are ready in September.

"We would like to have a vote, but at least we are being allowed to participate," Kathleen said.

Editorials

No right to complain

Drivers who have had their cars towed because they parked illegally have no right to complain.

They do have some right to complain because the car they came in just isn't there anymore. One has to let off a little steam now and again.

Yet there is no excuse for parking illegally, except that maybe the driver thought he could get away with it. This reasoning seldom works anywhere.

This looks good on those parking lot punks. Undoubtedly they will drop their carefree easy-going attitude towards the bylaws which govern the good citizens of the city. They once could cooly cruise on up to the fire routes of parking lot E and, after a hop, skip and a jump, were safely in the heat of the buildings.

Well, no longer, for deviance is never cool when left stranded at school. Those who have been caught have become objects of ridicule — not only a joke to the school population but a good laugh to a tow truck driver named Gus who just came along for a good time.

It is a relief that the parking problem seems to be finally solved. But there will always be a few who think they can shirk the law. It's your decision but remember: every tow truck likes to have a good time.

Blair Carr

Smokers have rights

There has been quite a lot lately on the hazards of second-hand smoke, but smokers need to be understood and helped, not blamed, for smoking is an addiction.

Smokers are addicted to nicotine, just as alcoholics are addicted to alcohol. The stimulation from the nicotine is partially what causes the addiction and, as smokers build up a tolerance to the nicotine, they become more dependent.

Many find it extremely difficult to go even one hour without a cigarette. When a smoker tries to quit or goes too long without a cigarette, he has withdrawl symptoms which vary depending on his/her degree of addiction. He may experience nausea, headaches, or nervousness.

A nicotine chewing gum is available for those who wish to quit, but many become addicted to the gum and it is available only through a prescription. The gum averages $18 for a weekly supply. For many this price is more than they spend on cigarettes.

Many argue that smokers are killing non-smokers with their addiction. Like drunk driving: as long as there are parking lots outside of bars, there will be drunk drivers. As long as cigarettes are sold, there will be smokers polluting the air.

And finally, who will pay the money the government receives in taxes from cigarettes if people stop smoking?

Even some former smokers believe smokers have rights, too.

Marlene Nagel

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A place of warmth

On days like these students do not mind walking from the Simcoe Building to the Black Walnut Building. The day can still be cold, but the sun's warmth warms the face as well as the heart.

Photo by Martin Pokol

Celebrate Canada's Capital

Students from across Canada are being invited to join in the celebration of the nation's capital on July 1, 1988.

Celebration '88 is a competition for the design of a set of festive banners to mark the inauguration of the capital's Ceremonial Route.

One first prize of $3,000 and four honorable mentions of $1,000 each will be rewarded as well as offering the winners an opportunity to meet with leading professionals in the visual arts field, explore some of Canada's artistic treasures and participate in the many celebrations surrounding Canada Day, 1988.

Entrants must register no later than May 1, 1987. A fee of $5 is required accompanied by a letter from the registrar's office proving university or college registration in an eligible program.

Letters Letters Letters Letters

Complaints

Dear Editor:

Where did Blair Carr go to school before Niagara? The Rambo School of Print-Journalism? Editorials are fine, that's democracy. However, editorials should be researched. CNRC did not ask for speakers in the library, rather in the adjacent foyer. We received $550 from SAC and proposed to raise other funds through CRNC sponsored pubs. As far as whining over not having electronic typewriters at Niagara News, has he visited CRNC news studios recently? My fingers are pretty callus too. I think the associate editor's position reflects his ignorance. Sensationalistic journalism works for The Enquirer, but not here.

Kent Chambers
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Excellence

Dear Editor:

The Journalism students have written for Niagara News may excellent articles outlining the services provided by the Co-operative Education and Placement Department. They are also to be commended for their coverage of our regular career seminars given by representatives of business and industry.

In particular, I would like to thank Blair Carr for the exceptionally accurate and complete article describing our Franchising Seminar which appeared in the January 26 issue of the News.

The Journalism students should be aware that by maintaining their high standards, they are producing a paper which makes an outstanding contribution to the quality of College life.

Rosemary Cawthorn
Co-ordinator
Co-operative Education and Placement.

Letters

The Niagara News welcomes letters to the editor on any subject. Writers may use pen names, but their identities must be made known to the editors.

Focus on Winter Fun

ahh.... finally some sunshine

Mom gives a warm hug to skaters

A long day on the hill

A kid's life

Photos by MARTIN POKOL

Winner chooses theme

The theme for the winter carnival is Roughin' it, Winterfest '87. The winner of the contest to determine the theme was Dave Buzank.

Dave won the option of a trip for two to Kissing Bridge or $25.

Roughin' it, Winterfest '87 will be held the final week of February.

It will offer snowshoe races, a nail-driving contest, skating outside the Black Walnut building if the weather co-operates and night-time inner tubing. There will be an on-campus pub on Thursday Feb. 26.

"We want people to come out and have a good time," Carri Emerick, vice-president of internal affairs, said.

Suggestions for activities for the carnival may be made to Student Administrative Council.

Letter

Irregularities in pound story, Humane Society clarifies role

Dear Editor:

Although this article "Unwanted Animals Need Love Only Humans Can Give Them" — Niagara News Jan 19, 1987, generally described the activities of the Welland Humane Society and the care given to all animals that enter our shelter there were a few irregularities that will concern some of your readers.

The statement that "They are lonely, cold and scared," should relate to the animals before they come into our hands, when in our shelter they certainly are not lonely or cold, perhaps a little scared.

Concerning injured animals, the writer omitted to say **all** injured animals are taken immediately to a veterinarian hospital to determine the extent of the injuries and receive first aid treatment, following which if they are very seriously injured and the owner is not known they will be put to sleep, otherwise they are kept under veterinarian care at the Society's expense for four more days in the hope an owner will turn up.

Finally the paragraph beginning, "The society is not a pound," etc., is completely erroneous. Where a humane society has a contract with a local municipality to deal with animal control it is a pound and the Society is just that, it does receive stray and abandoned animals until they are claimed and if they are not claimed every effort is made to adopt them to good homes and putting them to sleep is the very last resort.

Yours truly,
WELLAND AND DISTRICT
HUMANE SOCIETY
Bernard Webb
Inspector/Manager

Inspecting the scene of the crime, instructor Gordon Goulty was upset by the damage done by the vandals. "We just wanted to make it more pleasant for young people — more alive," he said. vandals took posters, damaging the frames in the process.

Photo by Maureen Martin

Volunteer efforts prove futile, empty frames left behind

A Jaguar and a Lamborghini have been reported missing from the Niagara College Welland Campus.

Not the real thing, but posters intended to spruce up the drab college walls.

Through a team effort, some college staff volunteered their time to beautify the halls in the Voyageur Block only to find their labor has resulted in a number of empty frames where the colorful posters were once mounted.

"It's the kind of thing we'd like to stop," Larry Clark, technologist for the manufacturing mechanical and construction division, said. "We were trying to decorate the halls and improve the appearance of the college for the students. You'd think we were dealing with grade school kids."

Although the cost to the college was "minimal" for posters and mounting, "a lot of time was donated willingly" to produce the finished pictures, instructor Gordon Goulty said.

Maintenance built the metal frames for the posters that were bought in Welland, St. Catharines and Toronto while the AV department coated them in plastic. Scouting for material was time-consuming, Mr. Goulty said. "It meant two men going to Fabricland" to buy the burlap to cover the cork boards.

'DISGUSTED'

"For an institution of higher learning you shouldn't have to expect that adults," he said. "I'm demoralized, disillusioned and disgusted with these adults."

Other bulletin boards throughout the college house a collection of notices, flyers and ads. "They're revoltingly untidy and project a bad image," he said.

After seeing what had been achieved in the Voyageur Block other people have asked to have posters mounted in other areas of the college," Mr. Goulty said.

The boards were done during May and June of last year and brought comments at the tiem that "they wouldn't last for five minutes," But they lasted for 1½ semesters, Mr. Goulty said.

The boards were done during May and June of last year and brought comments at the time that "They wouldn't last five minutes," But they lasted for 1½ semesters, Mr. Goulty said. "This had lulled us into a feeling of security."

However efforts by the volunteers are not going to stop. "We're going to do what they do in business. We're going to screw them down."

"If anyone is caught damaging college property they will be suspended and if it's theft it could well be permanent suspension," George Rowbottom, chairman of manufacturing/ mechanical and construction division, said.

French education

Needs changes to survive

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

The French population must undergo several educational changes to survive on a basis of equality in the social and economic future of Canada.

This was just one of the implications of the Churchill Report on the educational problems of the francophone community which was outlined at an informative session for francophone professional educators by its co-author, Normand Frenette. It was held in the Tecumseh Lounge Feb. 7.

The session was geared toward meeting "the needs of francophone Ontario" at all educational levels, but most specifically college.

"This is the first major study where the entire focus is on the French language," Mr. Frenette said.

Franco-Ontarians must take part in science and technology on an equal footing if the French language is to have a future in the province and retain its attractiveness for future generations as a language of prestige, the report said.

Claire Moccio, co-ordinator of French Language Services, said "The language will survive if people go into a field where jobs are plentiful; if not, the French language will dwindle."

Referring to both universities and community colleges, the report said the Franco-Ontarian adult population is significantly under-educated compared to the rest of the population.

Their participation rates in undergraduate studies in science, engineering, technology, and similar fields are much lower than one-half, falling to as low as one-tenth or less of the average non-francophone.

Franco-Ontarians participate mainly in programs offered by two colleges with "significant offerings in French — Cambrian and Algonquin.

"Except for Algonquin, Cambrian, and more recently, Northern, the colleges show no sign of recognizing in any way that the province has a Franco-Ontarian population with specific needs," it said.

These findings have a serious implication on the francophone community in an age which the computer is the wave of the future, the francophone population — with the lack of French programming in fields related to technology, industry and science — will be excluded from participating equally in the social and economic future of Canada.

So far no changes have been made to rectify the current problems, Mr. Frenette said. The separate school funding issue has "deflated the impact."

One change recommended by the report is a requirement to expand services in French in all CAATs now offering bilingual programs, including Niagara College.

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CBC

created. They will be perceived to be equal to college programs, but they will not be, Dr. McCardell stressed. There will be no control over these newly established training schools and they will be in direct competition for funds with long established multi-million dollar institutions like Niagara College.

Colleges train students to a recognized standard and there are "no standards in these private sector operations," Dr. McCardell said.

The educational and physical resources embodied in an established institution are reflected in the facilities and the "20 years experience and expertise embodied in faculty," she said. Niagara's faculty are professionals, constantly upgrading themselves to "maintain and improve the standard of excellence which Niagara prides itself on."

Involving the private sector in adult job training means withdrawing funds from the public sector and making established institutions compete for what funding is left.

YES OPENS

The CBC program concerned the offical opening in St. Catharines Feb. 11 of a federal project entitled Youth Employment Services or YES. The first of its kind in Canada, it was opened by Jean Charest, federal minister of state for youth. The project, funded by federal and private sector funds, is to provide employment assistance for more than 1,000 unemployed young people.

Mr. Garr said not everyone approves of the new program and it was in this context that he interviewed Niagara's Dr. McCardell. He showed the busy welding department at the St. Catharines campus and said that although students were learning there now, there soon might not be any left.

Dr. McCardell stressed to the Niagara News, "We have the educational expertise — they are the politicans." Educating students for the future is the "only hope we have to make it into the 21st century — we must educate our children today for tomorrow's world."

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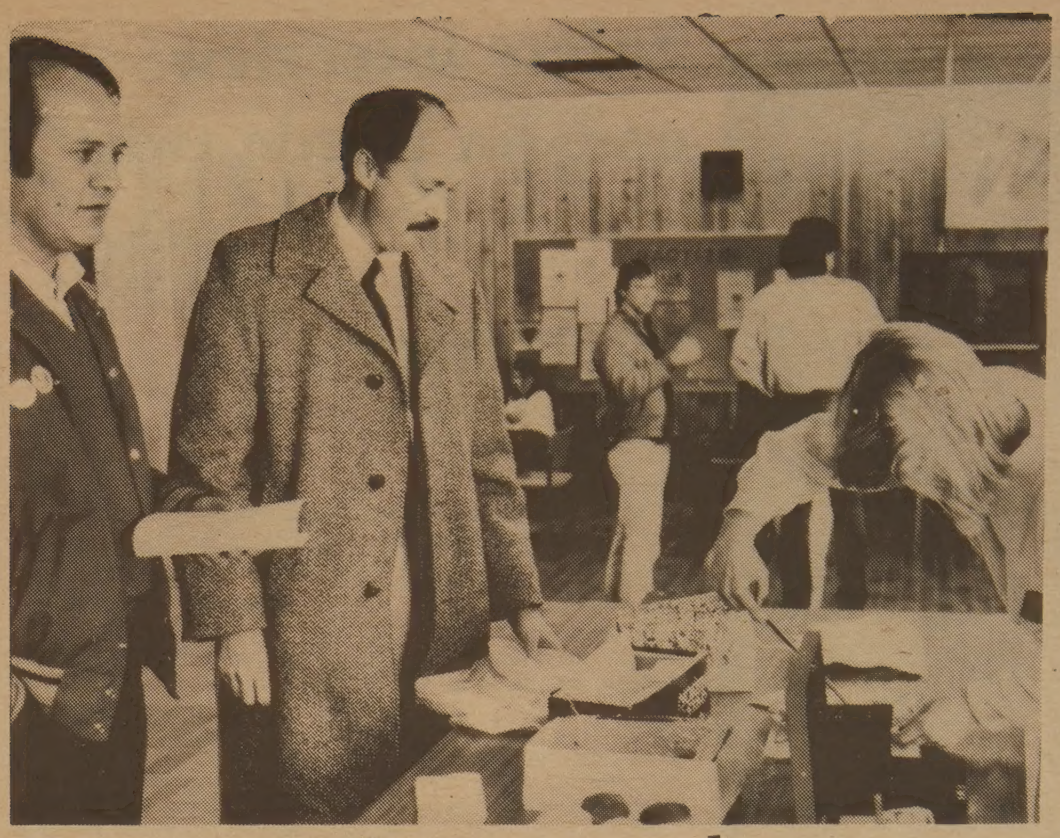

Um umm good

Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of ambulance and emergency care, and Rick Chandler, instructor in the program, contributed to the success of a bake sale by Education Resource and Special Needs students last week. Proceeds were for adults and children with learning disabilities.

Photo by Maureen Martin

Freedom in Canada, Iranian student glad

By MARTIN POKOL
Staff Writer

People who live in a free society, like Canada, do not realize the atrocities that happen in other countries.

"Here in Canada there is so much freedom, that people do not realize what they have. There is lots of food, water, and freedom to do what you want; it is mind boggling," Gholomreza Honari, a first-year radio and television student, said.

Mr.Honari, 32, escaped from Iran in 1985, with his wife and two small sons.

"It was a combination of political, and religious oppression by the government of Iran which forced me to flee," he said.

"I'm very pleased to be in Canada. The United States does not have a good reputation in Iran."

This is attributed to the number of "multinationalities" that make up Canada, he said. "My family did not have any major problems with the people; I have not experienced any prejudice or rascism in Canada."

Mr. Honari and his family escaped to Pakistan after he sold his house in Zahedan, a city bordering Pakistan.

Due to religious conflicts Mr. Honari could get a visa to leave Iran but his wife and children could not.

"I had to pay the smugglers lots of money to smuggle my family across the border," Mr. Honari said.

He did not have much of a choice but to leave his country. After serving his military time he worked in Iranian television as a sound technician for four years until the government dismissed him from his job.

"They (the government) do not care what happens to their people. Islam had rules for everything even politically," he said.

After his dismissal from the television station he opened up a photography shop until the government closed that down.

"It was unsafe for my family, parents, because of my situation with the government. My immediate family was threatened so the best idea was to leave."

Once in Pakistan Mr. Honari, reunited with his family, set up a photography shop and applied for an immigrant visa from the Canadian consulate in Pakistan which took one year.

Mr. Honari enrolled in the RTV program after the encouragement by Donald Combe, English instructor, at the St. Catharines campus.

"In St. Catharines there are 15 Iranian families, but I am too busy studying to enjoy any free time," Mr. Honari said.

"I would like to continue my career here in Canada, which I was not able to run in Iran. Television is the best form of communication with the rest of the world," he said.

Romantic but fun

Return to Romance fashions, welcome spring with style

By SUZANNE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Return to Romance, the theme for this year's Fashion show from March 23 to 25, will reflect this spring's romantic trend in fashion.

With this theme in mind, first and second year fashion students are already working on "romantic but fun things," for the show, Maura Hamill, design instructor and one of the co-ordinators for the show, said.

"There is going to be a lot of full skirts, crinolines, draped garments, and a lot of lace."

The fashion show is being produced in conjunction with 15 to 20 students from the theatre centre who will be stage managing; they will organise the lighting, the sets and the music. The Victorian set of the play Blood Relations showing on March 21 to 22, will also be used as the background for the fashion show.

All the students from the fashion program will be involved.

The second-year students must each design three garments: a suit, an evening wear design and a casual wear design. One student is designing a bridal gown for the bridal section of the show. "We might get tuxedos and bridesmaid dresses from stores in St. Catharines to fill out that show," Miss Hamill said.

The first-year students are designing skirts.

There will be 50 to 60 garments in the show designed by the students themselves and some from the boutique.

Accessories will be borrowed from some of the jewellery and hat stores in St. Catharines. "This will promote their stores as well," Miss Hamill said.

Students in advertising must produce a poster, and make up and sell tickets. They send out press releases to the media.

TO LEARN

The fashion show is basically a learning vehicle for the fashion arts students, Miss Hamill said.

This year's fashion show will be held in the college Theatre Centre. This will give the theatre students more opportunity to use special effects, and to give the show an extended run. Miss Hamill said. In previous years it was held in the cafeteria. This meant there could only be one show because the cafeteria had to cleared every day.

There will be six shows from March 23 to 25. there will be two shows a day, a 2 p.m. matinee and an 8 p.m. evening performance. The matinee is to get students from high schools to come to look at fashions and to enable those Niagara College students who do not live in the area, to see it during the day at school, instead of having to come back in the evening, Miss Hamill said. "It will be a promotion for the theatre and for fashion arts department."

About 600 people are expected. "We usually have a sell out show," she said. "It should be a lot of fun."

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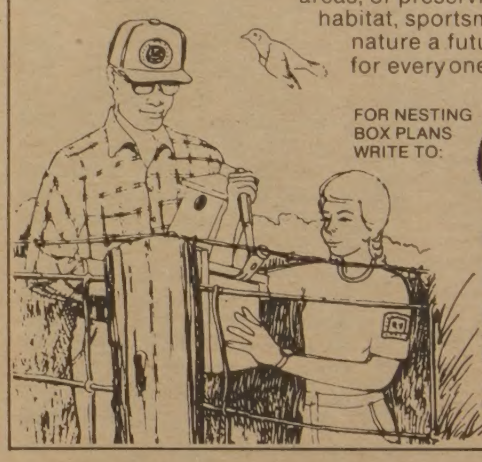

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911

results of heart attack victims before and after the service begins.

The 911 system to be installed in the Niagara region will be an enhanced system." This means the name and address of the caller will appear on a screen at the dispatch office nearest the call. A central answering bureau immediately connects the caller to the requested department. If the caller is unable to speak, the address will be information enough to get to the patient in the shortest possible time.

One problem the system has found is rural addresses. Bell Canada is still working on a system to put the addresses of rural homes into the computer. The price for solving this problem is unknown. Fifteen per cent of homes in the Niagara region list their address strictly by street name.

The 911 emergency telephone system was first used in Winnipeg in 1967. Since then it has spread throughout Canada and the United States. The Niagara Region follows Toronto, Hamilton-Wentworth, Halton, Kitchener and London in their steps to effective emergency services in Ontario.

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In the Rites of Spring love blooms with the season and the audience takes a look at the humorous side of meeting and falling in love. Theatre Beyond Words cast, right, Emma, Charlie and Herschell team up with Theatre Smith-Gilmour, bottom and left. The other member of the cast was a late arrival and she is yet to be named.
Photo by Susan Wray

Clowning around with love

By SUSAN WRAY
Staff Writer

Love blooms when spring is in the air, and there is a lot of clowning around when the girls meet the boys in the Rites of Spring.

A look at the comical side of meeting and falling in love kept the audience in high spirits when Theatre Beyond Words and Theatre Smith-Gilmour came together on Feb. 7.

Following two performances at the Brock Studio, the Rites of Spring moved to Toronto for a three-week run at the Poor Alex Theatre starting Feb. 10.

Sporting red clown noses, the cast caused as much hilarity as did the dialogue.

Through a combination of classical music, ballet, mime and one-liners, the two Rasputin sisters and the three Nijinsky brothers were successful at capturing and relaying a variety of emotions in a flood of humor.

Superb performances by Robin Patterson and Michelle Smith as Emma and Pauline Rasputin opened the show with a run-down of the cast and crew.

For any one ever caught up in the ritual of flirting, the emotions could be tapped as Emma and Herschell Nijinsky, well portrayed by Terry Judd, zap each other, causing violent reactions both on and off stage.

"Dangerous — flirting," Herschell informed the audience as his knees grew k and wobbly from the power.ul volts.

A tree sprouting blossoms and mounted on a block of wood with wheels made for an almost naked set was effective as all eyes riveted on the gestures and expressions of the cast.

Doubling as a hot rod, the tree screeched around the stage with Rudolph in the driver's seat, his vocal cords roaring like an engine.

The meek, yet not so timid, Pauline thumbs a ride and finds that the first kiss in a parked car makes for waves of electrical vibes as Rudolph sounds his pounding heart with a "Chick-a-tee-boom, Chick-a-tee-boom."

Unhitched, the youngest brother, Charlie, performs his famous dance of the Mystical Circle of Adolescence and the Sacrificial Dance of the Chosen Virgin.

Love comes into full bloom and so do Emma and Pauline as they appear pleasantly plumper. "Is there a doctor in the house?" Pauline called to the startled audience.

The Rites of Spring was successful in capturing human nature when it's most vunerable — and most humorous.

Safety interview ends in ironic twist

By SUSAN WRAY
Staff Writer

"Theatre is a rushing business," Ron Lightfoot said. "Carelessness is a major cause of accidents."

I took notes diligently, although worn out from the day's hectic pace. We rose to leave.

I broke into a trot trying to keep up to his long strides. "What it comes down to is that people aren't paying attention to what they're doing."

We neared the door to the costume department where a student was waiting to be interviewed.

Then — everything became fuzzy. Pain ripped through my body starting at my toes and shooting upward to my brain.

"Are you OK," Mr. Lightfoot's voice repeated over and over. It echoed faintly in the distance. "Can you walk?" I could feel my ankle swelling instantly.

I struggled to pull myself together. I managed to sense the humor of it through the pain. A smile tugged at the corners of his mouth. "Well, I guess I'd better make a report out about this," he said.

The student sat across from me and I tried my best to talk and write. I broke into a cold sweat. The telephone rang. WHAM! Ohhh! my ankle. She kicked me. "Are you OK, are you OK?" she chanted. Once more I struggled to regain my composure.

The interview ended quickly. I stumbled to the door. Outside I froze in my footstep. My God, the car was parked at the end of the lot. I tried to walk nonchalantly but only the eyes on my back could tell you how well I pulled it off.

At emergency, the doctor said, "You don't mind if a student steps in for an observation do you, Ms. Wray? It was apparent later that the pain had overridden my common sense.

Now, the elder said to the youth, "if we take her heel and pull it down, she'll scream if it's broken."

The X-ray room was empty and then she entered. Not a trace of a smile could be found on her stony face. "Would you please get up on the table," she ordered. "Don't hold onto that, it's not braced. I don't know why everybody insists on grabbing onto that."

Susan Wray

I leaped from the wheelchair to the bed. She watched. An article I had read the night before flashed through my mind. The hospital had a new motto. We care, we love, something similar. Maybe there was a time element I couldn't remember. Did it go into effect tomorrow?

The wheelchair swerved. She laughed. "I bet you thought I was going to hit the wall, didn't you." I considered screaming for help. I ruled against it; what if there were more of them?

The doctor didn't come back. A nurse informed me my ankle wasn't broken. I hobbled out, making a slow getaway.

"Safety is a serious issue," Mr. Lightfoot's words rang loud and clear in my mind.

And to think: the interview had been all about safety in the theatre.

Workshop for careers

A workshop will be held on career life planning on Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Tecumseh Lounge.

The workshop is designed to develop a focused set of career, work, education, training and health goals for a period of one year.

The seminar, sponsored by Bette Ferguson of Affirmative Action at the college, will be led by Jo-Anne Willment. Ms. Willment is a trainer with the Ontario Society for Training and Development and has experience in the areas of career development, staff training and program planning.

The workshop is to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; those interested may contact Mary Farrar at the career library by Feb. 18.

Alzheimer's disease 'like death from boredom'

By PHIL BEATTY
Staff Writer

She lies in a fetal position, unmoving and unaware of her surroundings. The nurses feed her, bathe her and try to keep her as comfortable as possible. Her family visits often, but she doesn't see them come and go. She is a withered shadow of the vibrant person she used to be.

Like hundreds of thousands of others throughout the world, she suffers from Alzheimer's disease. Until the last five to seven years not many people had heard of this deadly disease which shrinks and shrivels its victims brains.

This progressive, degenerative brain disease was recently referred to by a British medical specialist as "like death from boredom." As yet, prevention or cure of the disease is not known. However, medical care and proper guidance can assist the victim and the victim's family in coping with the illness.

Support

Doctors say family support and discussion groups may be beneficial for victim's families.

"When you have an Alzheimer's sufferer in your family it's very traumatic, a health care aide at the Extended Care Unit in Welland, said. "Without support groups you would find it hard to cope, since it affects the family as a whole. It puts a tremendous amount of pressure on loved ones which must be released in some way."

It is often difficult to tell the difference between senility and Alzheimer's in the early stages. In many cases it doesn't take long for the disease to progress though and gradually the victim becomes more forgetful. As memory loss increases, changes also appear in personality, mood and behavior. "The disease progresses differently in everyone. Sometimes, depending on the patient's personality, you can't tell if he/she is senile or has the disease," the aide said. "They often act very angry and can't understand why you're doing simple tasks for them. They try to do things themselves but get frustrated when they can't."

Judgment, concentration, speech and physical coordination are also affected by the disease. "The disease removes the capacity to read, converse, understand the story in a television show or follow the melody in a piece of music," one British specialist said.

The treatment of Alzheimer's disease consists primarily of treating the symptoms, including the use of anticonvulsants to control seizure activity and antibiotics to control infection. An increasing level of personal care and supervision is required as the disease progresses, until eventually, total bed care must be provided.

Constant care

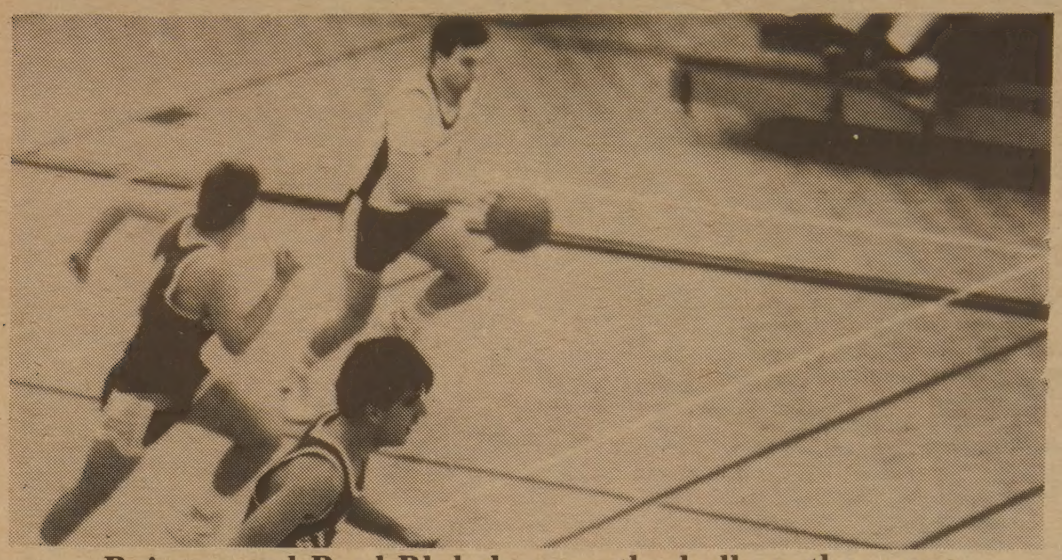
The patient will need constant medical and social supervision in the final stages. Patients need to be turned in bed every three to four hours to prevent pneumonia and bed sores and will need to be kept dry, clean and comfortable. They often mutter incoherently and have limited facial expressions.

Physicians say friends should try to make life as pleasant and normal as possible for all concerned and prepare those close at hand for the person's impending death. Help caregivers to be mindful that though responsiveness may be limited, the person for whom they are caring still retains a human consciousness and feeling.

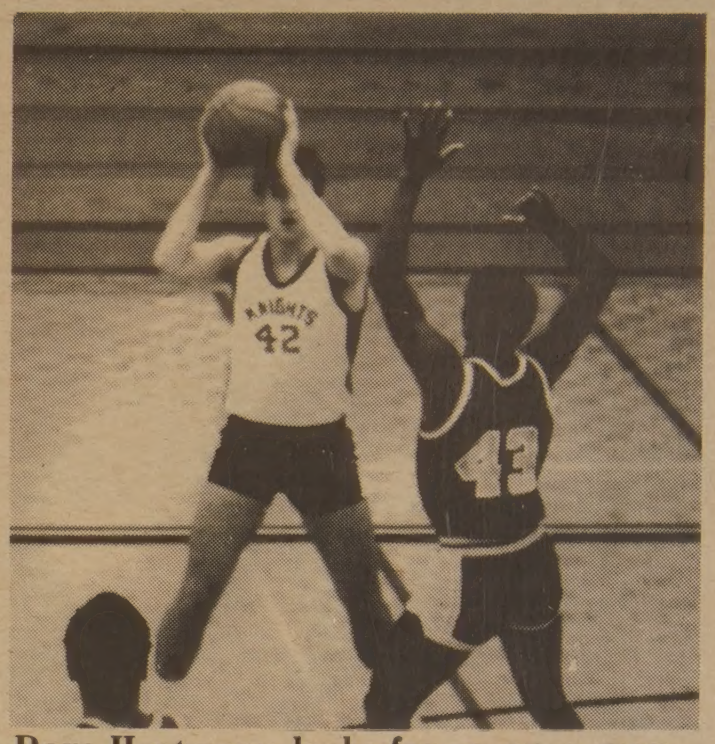
The Alzheimer Society of Canada, incorporated and granted a federal charter in 1978, has affiliated organizations across Canada with at least one chapter in every province.

For further information, contact the Alzheimer Society of Canada, 491 Lawrence Ave. West — Ste. 501, Toronto, Ont. M5M 1C7 (416) 789-0503.

Sports Kaleidoscope



Point guard Paul Blakely runs the ball up the court



Dave Hartmann looks for an open man while hounded by a St. Clair defender.

No. 9 reaches for the ball; two Niagara players defend

Jump ball between Knights No. 44 and a Seneca player

John Allan helps out goalie Tony Celli

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The Niagara bench stands to watch as the Indians beat them 12-5

Sports

Knights player Chris Andrews, in white, puts her hand up in defence, trying to grab the ball held by St. Clair Lady Saints player Joanne Johnson. The Niagara Knights played the Lady Saints Feb. 10 at the college gym; they were defeated 69-49.
Photo by Donna Morrison

Lady Knights lose, nothing goes right

Twenty-two points in the last nine minutes of the game were still not enough for the win as the Niagara Knights women's basketball team suffered a tough 69-49 loss to the St. Clair Lady Saints at the college gym, Feb. 7.

"We have to be there for 40 minutes (of the game)," Knights coach Mizette Critelli said. "We got really frustrated in the first half. Nothing was falling for us; that's frustrating."

St. Clair Lady Saints is one of the top ranked teams in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association basketball league. In the first four minutes of play, the Knights kept up with them, showing strong defence and organization; a 3-2 score highlighted Niagara's efforts.

SLOPPY PLAY

Then Niagara became sloppy; fouls led to a few St. Clair points, forced passes inside led to turnovers, and a lack of rebounding in both ends hurt the team.

Again turnovers were costly for the Knights; they had 21 in the first and 13 in the second. The Lady Saints capitalized on most of them, helping to stretch their lead from a mere one point to 14 with 10 minutes remaining.

Though Niagara tried for the baskets, the ball would often lazily dance around the rim. "Nothing was going in for us." This led to a scoreless period of seven minutes for the Knights.

Niagara showed excellent signs of defence at times, knocking passes from players, and covering the opposition tightly, but it was not enough to undo the damage already done by the Lady Saints; Niagara entered halftime down by a depressing 40-14 score.

NOT THINKING

"We just weren't thinking, period," Mizette said. "There was no reversing of the ball (something learned in practices) and we were forcing the ball inside. That's a sign of frustration."

High scorers for the Knights included Laura Monaghan with 14, Kim Girotti with 12 and Sue Sbrizzi, 10. For St. Clair, Marisa Vidale had 21, Jodie Christian had 15 and Joanne Johnston, 11.

The Knights, as they have done many times in previous games, played a better second half; they outscored St. Clair, 35-29.

Rallying back from a huge halftime deficit, Niagara came alive, scoring 22 points in the last nine minutes of the game. The Knights displayed excellent defensive pressure, forcing St. Clair turnovers and taking them in for scores. But because of a poor first half, the Knights, though they fought back with everything they had, could not improve on the situation.

"The hurdle is a little higher (for reaching playoffs), but we have to rise above it," Mizette said.

The Knights were to play against Seneca College Feb. 10 in Toronto.

Nagy rink in OCWR

The Niagara College curling team will travel to Windsor to compete in the Ontario Collegiate Western Region playdowns this weekend.

Niagara will send a mixed team, skipped by Joel Lapalme, and a men's team, skipped by Brian Nagy.

They will compete against college teams from Lambton, Fanshawe, St. Clair, Mohawk, Seneca and Georgian.

Niagara is hoping to be among the top teams at the bonspiel that will advance to the OCCA Championships to be held March 1 to 4 in Thunder Bay.

OOPS

Apologies to Rick Holt and Tim Kemp. In the Feb. 9 edition of the Niagara News it failed to mention in a cutline what sport they played. They finished the season with a bronze medal and a fourth place finish in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Tennis Championships. Rick and Tim were named Niagara's Athletes of the Month for October, 1986.

Team captures trophy

The Niagara College badminton team did exceptionally well in Regionals badminton Feb. 6 and 7, capturing the men's team trophy and taking second place in the team trophy.

Tom Peat and Mark Nelson, two-time national champions, won first place in the men's doubles, playing against their archrivals from Mohawk in the finals; they have faced them four years in a row, and will again in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Badminton Championships Feb. 27 and 28 in Toronto.

"Basically speaking, they walked through their first few matches, but had a little bit of trouble in the final match," coach David Carpenter said. "It was a great tribute to their talent" to beat the opposition though, after having a few problems.

Colin Reid, Student Administrative Council social convener, won first place in the men's singles, followed by Shawn Evans, who placed second. "In my estimation, these two interchangeably can be No. 1 in the region," Mr. Carpenter said. Both will be heading to the OCAA Badminton Championships, too.

The ladies doubles team, Terry Fidler and Melanie Rattraw, placed fourth and the mixed team, Mark Liho and Christina Ramjit, placed third.

Saints kill Knights in bid for playoffs

It was the worst time the Niagara men Knights' basketball team could have faced the St. Clair Saints.

The outcome was a 87-47 romp for the team from Windsor.

The Saints were hungry for a victory after losing in overtime to the Mohawk Mountaineers the night before. They are in a dog fight to make the sixth and final playoff position in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association. This game was the last of the road trips prior to a four-game homestand to round out their season.

"If there is any chance at all (to make the playoffs) they had to win today, Dave McGuffin, coach of St. Clair, said.

"We never take Niagara lightly," Mr. McGuffin said. He could only recall beating Niagara twice at home in his five-year period as coach of the St. Clair team.

Conversly, the Knights did not have as much to gain with a 2-12 record and seemed to let down after the first ten minutes. The teams were close until this point when the Saints developed their legs and clogged the passing lanes, causing countless turnovers. The score was 41-20 at halftime.

"I am at a loss," Niagara assistant coach Bob Bedesky said, trying to explain the team's poor performance. "The guys played like they were in a dream."

Mr. Bedesky said the only "decisive" factor that he could pinpoint, contributing to the loss, was the Knights lack of shooting ability, not only accuracy but knowing the proper time to shoot.

If there was a positive aspect, Mr. Bedesky praised the play of forward Rick Nalazek for his consistent hard work, game after game. High-scoring centre Fred Jason led all scorers with 19 points which he has done consistently this season.

High point-getters for St. Clair were Tony Swift with 16, Kris Rock 14, Jim Martin 13, and Joe Gibb 12.

The Knights' next game is Wednesday against the Humber Hawks of Toronto. The following day they play the Fanshaw Falcons at home. Starting time is 7 p.m.

Molson's awards athletes

Varsity athletes of the month, picked by coaches in the athletic department, are recognized by Molson Breweries Ltd.; the athletes receive a Coors sports bag for their achievements.

The idea to have athletes of the month was initiated by the Student Administrative Council vice-president of athletics, Andre Hebert, and the vice-president of external affairs, Dave Rapelje.

"Everybody puts time into *the gym," Andre said; their* efforts should be recognized.

National Champions

Mark Nelson, left, and Tom Peat, won the Rose city Doubles tournament held in Windsor, repeating their performance with a "more substantial" win at the Western Ontario Badminton Championships three weeks ago. The two-time national champions competed in collegiate regionals in London Feb. 6 and 7, placing first in men's doubles and capturing the men's team trophy. They both will compete in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Badminton Championships Feb. 27 and 28 in Toronto.

Photo by Donna Morrison

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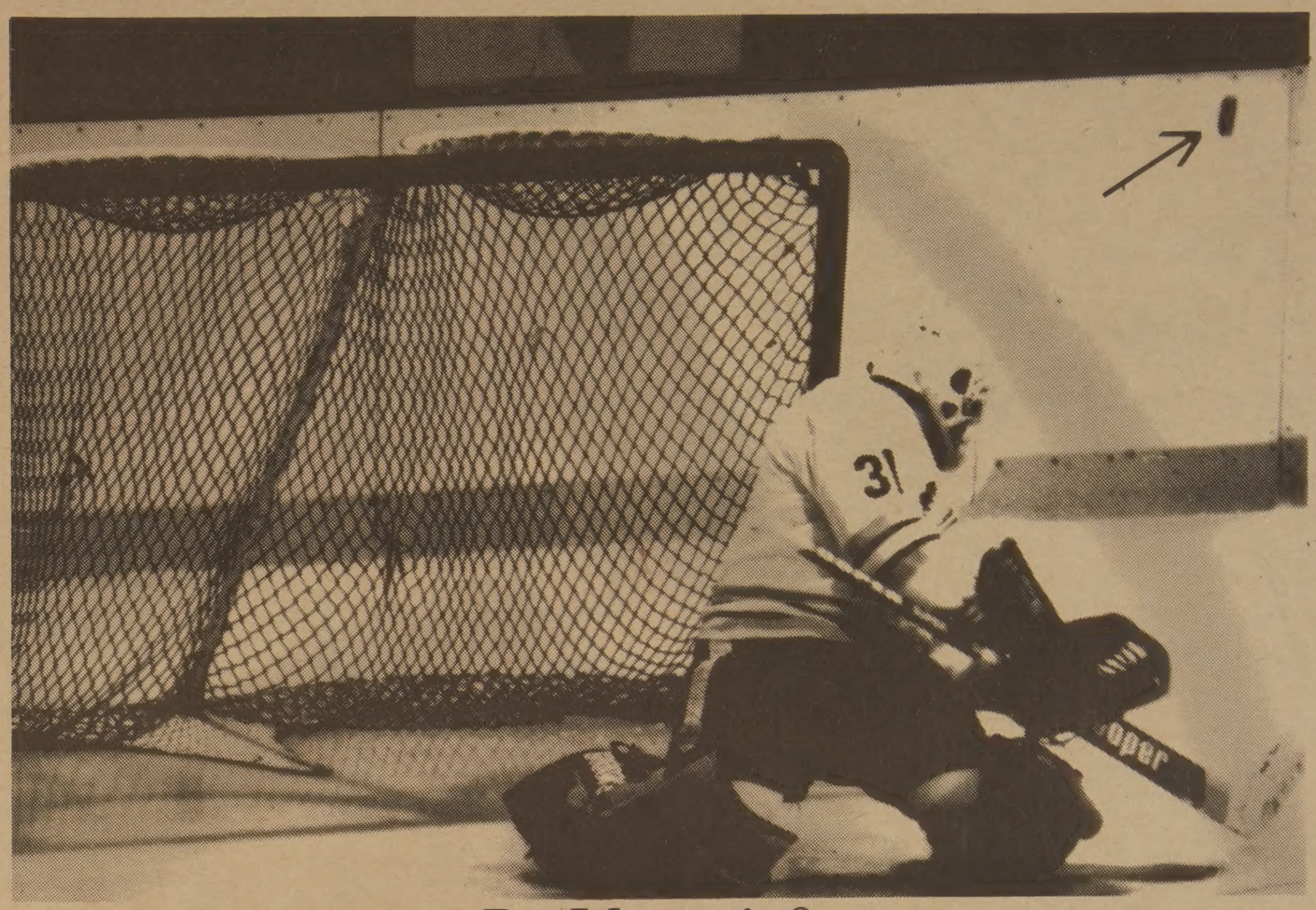

Do I have it ?

The goalie for St. Bonaventure was forced to make many good stops in the game against Niagara on Feb. 7. In this picture he deflects the puck high to his left (arrow). The St. Bonaventure Brown Indians went on to beat the Knights 7-4 in Welland. The Knights had 45 shots on goal to St. Bonaventure's 35.

Photo by Douglas Ives

Knights drop one

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

It looked like the beginning of a good basketball game between the Niagara Knights women's basketball team and the Seneca Scouts, but it ended up a blowout by the Scouts, 72-38, in Toronto Feb. 10.

It started out as a defensive struggle, with both teams pressuring and forcing turnovers. Niagara was getting under the boards, grabbing the important rebounds and demonstrating good ballhandling; players were able to complete clean passes around the key for the score.

The score was tied 2-2 after two minutes, but some good shooting from the Scouts took them up 6-2 after four. The Knights still pressured, though, causing Seneca to throw a few wild passes. Niagara had excellent scoring opportunities from the turnovers they created, sneaking up on the Scouts 13-10 near the halfway mark.

"Certainly for the first nine minutes of the game we were in there, no question," Knights coach Mizette Critelli said.

Then the inevitable happened: the Knights began to fade, making careless mistakes. The Scouts capitalized on Niagara turnovers, and forced passes, stretching the lead to 13. Seneca's confidence level began to rise, and the team's play exemplified that for the remainder of the game; they were making accurate shots and defending Niagara tightly.

HAD TO ADJUST

The Knights had 42 turnovers; "the team had to adjust the offence against a defence they hadn't seen." That was a reason for the turnovers.

Though the Knights were down, they were not out, as they came through with strong defensive moves against the Scouts. The halftime score, 36-19, did not paint a true picture of how well the Knights' defence played against Seneca in the first half.

The playoff picture for the Knights is as follows: if the team wins its next two games against St. Clair, Feb. 27, and Fanshawe Feb. 28, and George Brown College of Toronto lose its games, Niagara can make the playoffs.

"It's not impossible," Mizette said. "We're just going to have to really work hard."

Playoffs may be in the picture

Knights cut down on penalties

By DOUGLAS IVES
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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Niagara Knights hockey team took its least number of penalties all year in its Feb. 11 game against the Erie Community College Kats. It was an improvement from its last two games but still came up short losing 7-6 to the Kats.

Niagara Coach Fred Bassi was happy with the improvement and said he is looking forward to meeting Buffalo State this Friday Feb. 20 in Cheektowaga, N.Y. That game will decide the last playoff spot in the International Collegiate hockey league.

Buffalo State lost both of its games on the weekend against Penn State. Niagara is now two points behind Buffalo. If the Knights beat Buffalo in the next game, Niagara will be in the playoffs because the team will have beaten Buffalo two out of three games in the regular season.

The Knights came out fast and hitting hard jumping to a two-goal lead on goals from Bob Bird and Terry Maisonneuve.

The Kats got on the board in the first period on a weak shot from Keith Lewis that fooled goalie Mark Bush.

INTO SECOND

Niagara led 3-1 going into the second period after Ken Thornton scored a short-handed goal. Niagara took only two penalties but handed out some heavy body checks in the first period.

The nicest check of the game came when Niagara forward Rod Estabrooks plowed over Jim Orzech of Erie at the Knight blueline. The Erie player went directly to the bench after he got up.

Niagara played a more disciplined game for the most part than its games against St. Bonaventure on the weekend, but the penalties did hurt them. The Knights took over 58 minutes in penalties in their 12-5 loss to St. Bonaventure on Sunday. Shawn Sexton was given a major for attempt to injure allowing Erie the chance to get back in the game. That penalty may have cost Niagara the game as Erie scored twice on the powerplay.

GOOD CHECKING

Niagara got its first goal of the second on some good forechecking. Forward Mark Turner stole the puck from an Erie defenceman inside his zone and got the pass off to Pat Flynn who scored. Erie outscored Niagara 3-2 in the second period.

The third period Erie took the lead for the first time in the game at 16:28 and Niagara was not able to get the equalizer in the last minutes even with pulling the goalie for the extra skater.

Niagara got a two-goal performance from Ken Thornton and Bob Bird. Erie's Keith Lewis turned in a three-goal effort.

Indians scalp Knights in Olean

OLEAN, N.Y. — The Niagara College hockey team hit a brick wall in its three-game undefeated streak, losing two games Feb. 7-8.

The Knights lost both of its games against the St. Bonaventure Brown Indians in a home and away series.

Feb. 7 at the Welland Arena St. Bonaventure beat Niagara 7-4 in a game where the Knights outshot the Indians 35-45.

The Knights were totally outclassed and outplayed Feb. 8 in Olean losing 12-5. Some Niagara players showed they had a little growing up to do before they can play effective college hockey.

"The guys have to learn to take a shot without retaliating," captian Bob Thrower said.

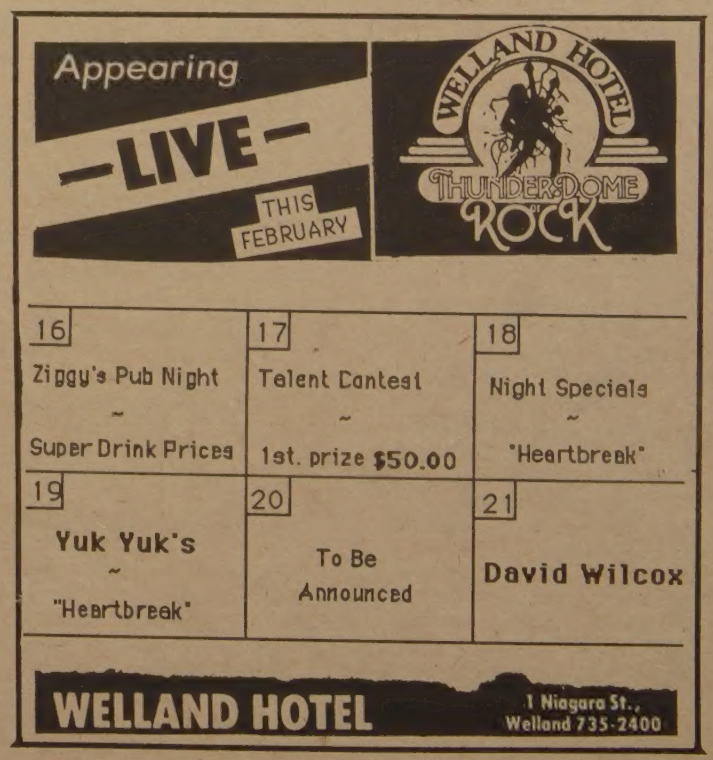
The Knights played right into Bonaventure's hands Feb. 8, taking 58 minutes in penalties to Bonaventure's 28. They refereeing was questionable at times but the Knights will have to learn to play disciplined hockey if it is going to win in this league.

The game was stopped with 3:33 remaining in the third period after a fight broke out. Ken Willson and Bill Rynberk received game misconducts.

Scorers for Niagara in its home game were Brian Millejours, Bob Bird, Wayne Conn and Ed Burkholder.

Scorers for Niagara on Feb. 8 were Bob Bird with two and Rod Estabrooks, Doug Jones and Ken Willson with one each.

Niagara is chasing Buffalo State for the last playoff spot. Buffalo State played two games against Penn State over the weekend. It was 4-7-1 going into the weekend and Niagara is 3-6-1.



Two Theatre Centre students find challenge in Lizzie Borden

By SUSAN WRAY
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Capturing the intense, emotional character of the famous Lizzie Borden is a challenge two mature students are looking forward to after being cast in the lead roles for Blood Relations.

First-year student Wendy Perrott will make her acting debut as Ms. Lizzie (the real Lizzie Borden) while first-year student Sandy Corrazza will portray the actor Lizzie in a flashback that returns the audience to the events leading up to the tragic murders. The play runs at the Theatre Centre from Feb. 24 to Feb. 27.

"In one way I'm thrilled to do it and in another way I'm scared out of my wits," Wendy said. Although she was apprehensive at first because she's always been shy, she made a decision to try all aspects of theatre when returning to school after 15 years.

After working with horses for six years she returned to Welland a year and a half ago with her husband and found it impossible to find a job in this area. She entered the WITT (Women into Trades and Technology) at the St. Catharines campus and through her placement spent one week at the Theatre Centre.

First-year theatre students Sandy Corazza, right, and Wendy Perrott have come to Niagara College as mature students to further their education. They will be playing the lead roles in Blood Relations as Lizzie Borden.

Photo by Susan Wray

Hard work

"I'd always been interested in theatre and the program seemed really good," she said. "I never realized the work that goes into it."

"It's never been my goal to be rich," she said. Money wasn't a priority when she made her decision to return to school. "I really wanted to try to do something that was professional, something I liked."

"There are a lot of parts that are difficult," she said of her role a Ms. Lizzie.

For 26-year-old Sandy Corazza, playing the role of the actress Lizzie will not be her first time on stage. She once played the preacher's daughter in Arsenic and Old Lace; this first involvement in theatre was "just a fluke."

Attending an audition with a friend who was involved in theatre, she was asked to help read because two female voices were needed. "It was the only acting I'd done up until now," she said.

Sandy applied to Niagara College because "it seemed to have the best technical program." She enjoys sewing, and working in the costume department is one of her favorite classes. "The acting is fun but it's not necessary for my happiness."

In her role as Lizzie she must break down and show a lot of emotion. "People sometimes admire the class clown but to be emotional in front of other people is difficult," she said. "It's a matter of trusting people around you."

Sold china

Before coming to Niagara, Sandy worked in a department store selling china.

"I worked for the money to do other things," she said. An interest in theatre led her to the library and eventually to her enrolment.

"When I look back I would have been too shy to do what I'm doing now," she said. "I wouldn't have gotten the same marks."

Understanding the script is an important part in learning her lines. "You can't say a line right until you know why you're saying it. Every day you learn more and more about these people — the madness."

Women's week in March, three days for equality

A Women's Week, to broaden awareness of the need for women's equality, will be held at the college next month.

The event, sponsored by both the Women's Resource Area and the Student Administrative Council, will be held from March 17 to 19 — "Women's Week: Three Days for Equality."

"We're calling the whole week Women's Week, but we're really concentrating on the three days Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday," Mary Farrar, information officer at the career library where the Women's Resource Area is located, said.

Plans include a series of speakers, movies and possibly a comedian to entertain at the cafeteria.

The speakers will be Jo-Ann Baernstein, teacher of the course Herstory, who will speak about Obedience Training: Subservience Never Came Easily. She will speak on Tuesday, March 17, in Room Me-208. The second speaker, Heather Kilty, a Niagara graduate, Education Co-ordinator at the Greater Niagara General Hospital and teacher of an assertiveness training course at the college, will discuss assertiveness training on Thursday, in the Hamilton Room. Both speakers will hold their seminars during the double lunches starting at noon.

Working holiday program

Foreign country exploration in Work Abroad Program

If travel and work in a foreign country is appealing, then the Student Work Abroad Program provides the chance to explore a foreign country and gain valuable summer work experience at the same time.

SWAP is the working holiday program sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Student services, Margot Haldenby told a group of students Feb. 5. The program offers Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and France as foreign host countries. Japan, France and Australia are the newest additions. Next year Germany and Holland may be added to the list.

Applicants must be full or part-time students between the ages of 18 and 30 inclusive. The age requirement varies in each country. Depending on the country, departures are in mid-May and mid-August.

Mrs. Haldenby stressed, "Two things that it's not." SWAP is not a career program unless the person is in the hotel and restaurant or the secretarial fields and it is not a big money-maker.

"We can't guarantee that you're going to get a job in your study or your career related field that you want to do for the rest of your life," Mrs. Haldenby said.

FOR FUN

"It's something to do for fun mostly."

SWAP has a fairly good connection with the service industry, especially in Britain. Wilma Puttee, co-op counseller, said, "The majority of the jobs are found in the service and tourism industry."

Britain and Ireland are probably the most popular programs because the airfare is the least expensive. "About 1,200 students went to England last summer and had a marvellous time," Mrs. Puttee said. Britain has the only SWAP office overseas to help students get settled and find jobs.

Japan and Australia are expensive because of airfare which must be paid in advance. SWAP suggests that sufficient support funds be taken to get started. In Japan most of the students would be teaching English and the jobs in Australia range from working on farms to the service industry. SWAP is breaking new ground with France so it cannot make any guarantees where jobs are concerned.

The student requirements are an International Student Identity Card, Canadian citizenship, a registration fee, return airfare and sufficient support funds.

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